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Claims 1-22 were pending in the application.

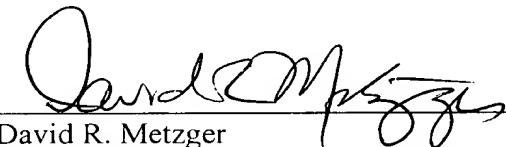
In the Office Action of October 8, 2003, claims 2 and 12 were objected to as depending from rejected claims, but were otherwise deemed allowable. Claims 8, 9, 13, 14 and 20-22 were rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of Application No. 09/731,904.

In response, claims 2 and 12 have been placed in independent form and claims 3-11 and 13-22 have been amended, as appropriate, to depend from claims 2 or 12, directly or indirectly.

In addition, claims 8, 9, 13, 14 and 20-22 have been represented as claims 23-29, respectively. An appropriate terminal disclaimer is enclosed.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the remaining claims, 2-10 and 12-29 are patentable and allowable. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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